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SUBJECT: TV DOCUMENTARY ON U.S. CAPTIVES OF
ERITREAN GUERRILLAS

1. DUTCH NCRV TV BEHIND THE SCENES NEWS PROGRAM
"HIER EN NU" (HERE AND NOW) FEATURED BRIEF DOCUMENTARY
NOVEMBER 18 ON FOUR US HOSTAGES BEING HELD BY
ERITREAN GUERRILLAS IN ETHIOPIA. THE TWO US
MILITARY AND TWO CIVILIAN HOSTAGES IN INTERVIEW
WITH BRITISH FREELANCE CAMERAMAN SAID THEY WERE
NOT BEING MISTREATED, BUT FELT COMPLETELY ISOLATED,
SINCE MOST OF THEIR CAPTORS SPOKE NO ENGLISH.
HOSTAGES TOLD INTERVIEWER THEY FELT ABANDONED, SINCE
THEY SAW NO EVIDENCE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THEIR
RELEASE. AFTER FILM, DUTCH COMMENTATOR STATED THAT
USG IS DOING NOTHING ABOUT HOSTAGES BECAUSE THE
ERITREAN MOVEMENT IS NOT A RECOGNIZED GOVERNMENT
THAT USG WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH. AS A
RESULT, HE SAID, THERE IS NO HOPE FOR RELEASE
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OF HOSTAGES.

2. WE SUSPECT THIS DOCUMENTARY MAY BE BOUGHT
BY OTHER EUROPEAN TV NETWORKS AS WELL. APPRECIATE
ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT CAN GIVE IN RESPONDING TO POSSIBLE
PRESS INQUIRIES.
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